

Ordinance No. _____ ORDINANCE: To adopt an amendment to the adopted Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Rockville by amending the Montgomery County Heritage Area Management Plan to include a Rockville chapter.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (formerly Article 66B; hereinafter referred to as the “Land Use Article”), the Mayor and Council of Rockville did, by Ordinance No. 24-02, adopt the Comprehensive Master Plan (hereinafter referred to as the “Master Plan”) for the City of Rockville (hereinafter referred to as the “City”), and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville Planning Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”) under the provisions of the Land Use Article may recommend adoption of any amendment or extension of or addition to the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council did instruct the Commission to prepare, approve and recommend to the Mayor and Council an amendment to the Master Plan (the “Rockville Chapter Amendment”) consisting of an additional chapter that identifies Heritage Tourism resources within the City of Rockville, the City’s recommended heritage area boundaries, and potential projects, to be adopted into the Montgomery County Heritage Area Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, said Rockville Chapter Amendment will enable the City to request that the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority amend the boundaries of the Montgomery County Heritage Area to include the City; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the preparation of the Rockville Chapter Amendment, the staff did carefully and comprehensively study relevant conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City staff prepared, consistent with the vision of the Land Use Article, the Rockville Chapter Amendment; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2012, the Commission held a public hearing on said Rockville Chapter Amendment; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2012, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution approving the Rockville Chapter Amendment; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Land Use Article, the Mayor and Council is required to adopt amendments to the Master Plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, the planning and development policies recommended in said Rockville Chapter Amendment to the Master Plan have been closely coordinated with and represent an extension of planning policy contained in the Master Plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council did adopt Ordinance _____, to adopt the Montgomery County Heritage Area Management Plan in full by reference, as an amendment to the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, said adoption was undertaken to enable the City to request that the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority amend the boundaries of the Montgomery County Heritage Area to include specific areas of the City of Rockville; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND as follows, that said Rockville Chapter Amendment to the Montgomery County Heritage Area Management Plan be, and the same is hereby adopted as an amendment to the Master Plan for the City of Rockville, said Rockville Chapter Amendment consisting of the document entitled “Approved and Adopted Amendment to the Montgomery County Heritage Area Management Plan, City of Rockville, Maryland” dated January 28, 2013.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of .

Douglass Barber, CMC, City Clerk